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U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on October 1, 2001. The inventory was one percent above October 1, 2000 and 8 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 6.63 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.45 million head, up 1 percent from 2000.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.14 million, 20 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999. Net placements were 2.09 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 528,000, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 559,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 602,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 9 percent below 2000 and 7 percent below 1999.

Other disappearance totaled 46,000 during September, 15 percent below 2000 and 26 percent below 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed October 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.61 million, up 1 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above October 1, 1999. The inventory included 5.69 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.88 million head, up slightly from 2000.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.81 million, 21 percent below 2000 and 23 percent below 1999.

Marketings during September totaled 1.54 million, 10 percent below 2000 and 9 percent below 1999.

Other disappearance during September was 40,000 head, 17 percent below 2000 and 27 percent below 1999.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, August and September 2001

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1000 head					
Aug	510	472	667	555	2,204
Sep	528	447	559	602	2,136

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed September 1			Placed during September			Marketed during September			Other disappearance during September			Number on feed October 1		
	2000	2001	2001-01	2000	2001	2001-01	2000	2001	2001-01	2000	2001	2001-01	2000	2001	2001-01
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	257	293	114	40	33	83	23	27	117	2	1	50	272	298	110
CA	415	470	113	59	47	80	49	49	100	5	3	60	420	465	111
CO	1,070	1,020	95	335	260	78	225	205	91	10	5	50	1,170	1,060	91
IA	330	310	94	52	39	66	41	65	159	1	1	100	340	310	91
KS	2,220	2,490	112	540	470	87	450	410	91	10	10	100	2,300	2,540	110
NE	1,920	1,820	95	560	450	80	370	315	85	10	5	50	2,100	1,950	93
TX	2,760	2,990	108	700	480	69	550	465	85	10	15	150	2,900	2,990	103
7 States	8,972	9,393	105	2,286	1,779	78	1,708	1,536	90	48	40	83	9,502	9,613	101
Oth. Sts.	1,402	1,472	105	400	357	89	282	284	101	6	6	100	1,514	1,512	100
U.S.	10,374	10,865	105	2,686	2,136	80	1,990	1,820	91	54	46	85	11,016	11,125	101

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2000		2001		2000		2001	
Sep	29	65.92		68.00	66.04		68.00	
Oct	06	66.97		66.16	66.95		66.30	
Oct	13	67.43		68.34	67.47		67.63	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-October 2001 averaged 44.0 cents, up 2.0 cents from mid-September. Table egg production in Florida during August was 209 million eggs, down four percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.04 billion during September 2001, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 993 billion were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2001 averaged 335 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during September 2000. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,104 eggs, slightly above the 2,101 eggs in September 2000. September 2001 contained 20 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to 21 week-days and five Saturdays in September 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2001, totaled 336 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2001, averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.59 billion eggs during September 2001, up 3 percent from September 2000. The average number of layers during September, at 314 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Mid-month table egg prices received
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2000	2001
January	41.0	54.0
February	38.0	50.0
March	41.0	52.0
April	43.0	50.0
May	35.0	40.0
June	37.0	45.0
July	38.0	43.0
August	50.0	44.0
September	45.0	42.0
October	44.0	44.0
November	51.0	
December	64.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month,
percent molting and molted

	Oct 2000	Aug 2001	Sep 2001	Oct 2001
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,333	10,824	10,804	10,710
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.0	4.0	7.0	9.0
Molt completed	39.0	35.5	36.0	32.5

Layers and egg production, September 2001, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand						Percent	
Alabama	10,492	1,867	194	59	135	1,971	1.5	4.0
Arkansas	14,235	1,876	267	100	167	2,872	3.5	9.0
California	23,135	2,122	491			4,962	8.5	33.0
Florida	10,804	2,064	223	209	14	2,264	9.0	32.5
Georgia	21,124	1,979	418	247	171	4,185	5.0	13.5
Indiana	22,822	2,200	502	490	12	5,014	3.0	27.5
Iowa	33,569	2,187	734			7,141	3.5	31.5
Maine	4,008	2,138	86			918	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,155	2,250	71	67	4	717	9.0	20.5
Michigan	6,473	1,993	129			1,385	2.5	41.5
Minnesota	12,088	2,202	266	257	9	2,594	4.0	30.5
Mississippi	6,687	1,854	124	39	85	1,294	3.0	9.5
Missouri	6,318	2,058	130			1,407	6.5	18.5
Nebraska	11,708	2,144	251	251		2,507	7.0	27.5
New York	4,078	2,281	93			958	0.5	0.5
North Carolina	11,090	1,903	211	76	135	2,099	0.0	8.0
Ohio	30,383	2,182	663			6,560	3.5	21.5
Pennsylvania	24,344	2,267	552	535	17	5,555	5.0	20.0
South Carolina	5,651	2,124	120	101	19	1,152	2.0	27.5
Texas	18,763	2,004	376			3,930	3.5	26.5
Virginia	3,317	1,779	59	31	28	644	3.0	5.5
Washington	5,032	2,206	111			1,113	9.5	46.5
Other States	45,156	2,146	827			8,152	5.4	22.4
United States	334,526	2,104	7,037	5,985	1,052	63,875	4.5	22.7

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The September hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 8,139,000 was 26 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 6,806,000, were 12 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during September at 1,030,000 chicks, was 13 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on October 1, at 741,000 was nine percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

The September 2001 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 730 million, was up 4 percent from September of the previous year. There were 608 million eggs in incubators on October 1, 2001, up 4 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.65 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2001, up 3 percent from September 2000.

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 36.6 million, up 1 percent from September 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.3 million on October 1, 2001, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 225,000 during September 2001, down 3 percent from September 2000.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2000	2001	2001 % of 2000
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	30,797	32,300	105
Chicks hatched during Sep	36,316	36,594	101
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	277	225	81
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	2,970	3,673	124
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Oct 1	585,831	608,018	104
Chicks hatched during Sep	702,625	729,962	104
Pullets hatched during Sep for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,469	6,647	103
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	63,630	60,557	95

^{1/} 2001 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2000 through February 2001 ^{2/} 2001 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2000 through February 2001.

MILK PRODUCTION

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Florida dairy farms produced 168 million pounds of milk during September 2001, unchanged from the previous September. Production per cow of 1,105 pounds was up three percent from last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in September totaled 152,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.4 billion pounds, down 0.7 percent from September 2000. August revised production, at 11.8 billion pounds, was down 1.3 percent from August 2000. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,471 pounds for September, seven pounds above September 2000.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.73 million head, 91,000 head less than September 2000, and 8,000 head less than August 2001.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
September	2000	157	1,070	168
August	2001	153	1,150	176
September	2001	152	1,105	168
20 Major States:				
September	2000	7,820	1,464	11,451
August	2001	7,737	1,552	11,772
September	2001	7,729	1,471	11,372
United States				
September	2000	--	--	13,246
August	2001	--	--	13,598
September	2001	--	--	13,136

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
		Thousand	Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,188	9,157	4,640	4,511	42,630	41,306
Apr-Jun	9,213	9,125	4,688	4,676	43,189	42,669
Jul-Sep	9,229	9,101	4,460	4,463	41,161	40,619
Oct-Dec	9,211		4,416		40,678	
Annual Total	9,210		18,204		167,658	

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for September 2001 was 4.9 million pounds, nine percent above the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for September at 3.66 billion pounds, was five percent below 2000.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Sept 2000	Aug 2001	Sept 2001	Year to date 2000	Year to date 2001
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	6	8	7	57	64
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	9	9	8	69	70
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,688	1,556	1,457	12,714	13,112
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.5	5.5	4.9	39.5	43.7
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,035	3,239	2,807	27,459	26,520
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,734	3,976	3,481	33,403	32,123
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,231	1,228	1,240	1,231	1,210
Beef production (million pounds)	2,275	2,424	2,120	20,266	19,403
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	94	94	79	852	740
Total liveweight (million pounds)	27	28	25	268	243
Average liveweight (pounds)	293	303	313	315	322
Veal production (million pounds)	17	17	15	161	145
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,118	8,347	7,811	72,261	71,478
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,104	2,159	2,045	18,868	18,771
Average liveweight (pounds)	259	258	262	261	263
Pork production (million pounds)	1,554	1,600	1,513	13,918	13,896
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,863	4,060	3,664	34,518	33,608

^{1/}Does not include calf slaughter data.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions September 2000 and 2001

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2000		2001 ^{1/}		Grade	2000		2001 ^{1/}	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	125.93	103.47	113.19	112.78	Large #1	96.62	83.88	105.31	90.37
Medium #2	106.50	88.47	111.41	97.70	Medium #1	2/	2/	2/	2/
					Medium #2	86.44	78.37	93.60	81.59
All grades	116.42	96.25	123.37	105.82	All grades	91.95	82.78	100.13	86.91

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service. ^{2/} Not available. ^{1/} Three weeks of data.